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## YOUTH IN CAMPAIGN FOR TIDINESS

### Two young people talk to the C N about their appointment to the Committee on Litter in the Parks

A London boy and a London girl have been asked by Sir David Eccles, Minister of Works, to join a committee of distinguished people who are promoting a campaign to cut down litter in our parks. They are 16-year-old David Furby, who is in a job near the C N offices, and Evelyn Bott, who is 17 and works at Hammersmith.

What the Minister wants is the young people's point of view and David and Evelyn are going to see that he gets it. That they have decided views on the problem can be judged from this account of their interview with C N correspondent Edward Lanchbery.

"I FEEL it is a great honour to have been appointed, and I realise there is a big job to do," says David Furby, who was nominated by the London Federation of Boys' Clubs.

Tackling big jobs is nothing new for David, however. At the age of five he was taken ill with infantile paralysis. He spent a year under treatment in six different hospitals. The doctors saved his life, but they could not restore him completely and he had to face the big job of living under a severe handicap.



Evelyn Bott



David Furby

He had one sound leg. That was sufficient to push round the pedal of a bicycle, and he became an enthusiastic cyclist. He also developed into a keen all-the-year-round swimmer. In the Scout troop, too, he found plenty of opportunity for an active open air life; and, at present a Senior Scout, David Furby plans to become a Rover when he is eighteen.

#### WHERE THERE'S A WILL

He is on the committee of the Unilever Boys' Club, and captain of one of the "houses" into which it is divided for competitions.

If the will is there, it is remarkable how unimportant a handicap can become. David made up his mind that he wanted to learn dancing; and he did. Now he goes regularly to dancing on Saturday nights.

Scouting, swimming, cycling, dancing, rambling with his dog of many breeds—altogether David Furby's life is active enough to satisfy many a completely able-bodied young man.

Both David Furby and Evelyn Bott make no bones about the fact that they think the greatest of offenders in leaving litter about are not their own generation, but grown-ups. Young people, they maintained, have been and are being trained in schools and organisations like the Scout movement always to be tidy and litter-conscious.

#### EARLY TRAINING

Evelyn, who was nominated for the Committee by the London Union of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs, told me that:

"At school we were never allowed to leave the classroom until everything had been put away, and the room was thoroughly clean and tidy.

"Of course," she added, "girls are naturally more tidy than boys because they have to do the clearing up in the home."

"The first rule of camping,"



said David, "is that the field must be left exactly as it was before we arrived, and that no one would realise that there had been a camp there at all."

From the question of litter over the countryside generally we came back to the immediate job of keeping London's Royal parks tidy.

Would having more litter baskets help?

No, they thought. Doubling the number of receptacles would not halve the quantity of litter. The real point was to get people into the habit of using the litter baskets.

They did not like the practice in some countries of fining litter offenders.

"We want to gain people's co-operation, not put their backs up," David said.

For the same reason—that it

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## Camping days ahead

Spring brings thoughts of camping days not far ahead. This Scout typifies the delight of setting out for a happy, carefree time under canvas.

### ARRESTING IDEA

The American town of Naples—in Florida—has a novel way of attracting motoring tourists. Once a week the Chief of Police has a motorist from outside the State "arrested" and questioned.

Although often bewildered, and sometimes annoyed by this interference with his liberty, the visitor is liable to unbend when he is handed a "summons" to Naples which includes free board and lodging for one day, free theatre tickets, and a tour of the district.

### QUICKSTEP

Right in the middle of the Kirkintilloch (Scotland) firemen's ball, the fairy lights around the walls and ceiling began to blink.

The men, all in evening dress, left their partners, ran from the Town Hall, changed into their fire kit, and a few minutes later were racing along in the fire engine.

Within an hour the fire was out and the firemen were in evening dress again, back at the ball.

The flickering fairy lights were a pre-arranged fire signal.

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## PEACEFUL PROGRESS IN LEBANON

CN Diplomatic Correspondent

IN the past six months, Lebanon, smallest State of the Eastern Mediterranean, has set an example of quiet development which her more powerful neighbours would do well to follow. Indeed, considering the disturbances around her, the peaceful progress of Lebanon is remarkable; and it is all the more remarkable because in the past politics in that country have too often been influenced by large quantities of rifles and pistols.

Gradually, however, the changes brought by Western civilisation are causing the Lebanese to give up settling political argument with a gun.

The most important influence in the development of Lebanon since the war, has been Mr. Camille Chamoun, who became President of the Republic in 1952, following the downfall of a government accused of inefficiency and mismanagement.

Mr. Chamoun, who would pass anywhere for a particularly handsome Englishman, is a lawyer in his early fifties. His two sons have spent school and student days in England, and the President himself, when a rising politician, established the first Lebanese Legation in London.

Like their President, the Lebanese have a warm regard for Britain and the West.

### CRUSADERS' CONVERTS

Their country is unique in being the only Christian State in the Arab world. In fact, about half the population of 1,300,000 are Christians, descended from a race of mountaineers who became converted at the time of the Crusades. For centuries Lebanon was a refuge for Christians oppressed by the Turks.

This aspect of religion and tradition, as well as Lebanon's position on the Mediterranean shores, has helped her to understand and to absorb European culture more rapidly than some of her neighbours.

Indeed, Lebanon's aptitude for Western development has made her important as an interpreter of Western ways to the East.

In the elections last summer the vote was given to women for the first time. More unusual still in an Eastern country, there was even a woman candidate for Parliament. And although she had

the misfortune to lose her £300 deposit, at least she made her countrywomen feel that they had made some advance towards equality of status in political affairs.

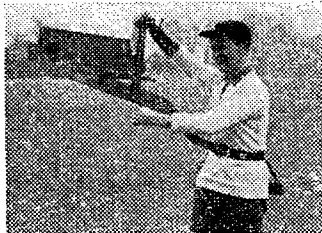
Politics are still the biggest outlet for Lebanese exuberance and strong feelings. Voting is compulsory, with a £6 penalty for those who do not comply.

Despite the insistence on constitutional methods, along with special security precautions at election-time, someone always seems to get hurt; but since the Lebanese won their independence from the French, in 1943, the number of casualties has been reduced.

Lebanon's encouragement of industry, prosperous tourist trade, and above all her progressive outlook, give her a standard of living that is envied in other Middle Eastern countries.

Small though she is, her friendship is valued in Europe and in the East, and her importance is not to be judged by her size—less than half that of Wales.

### Quickfire bow



Fred Lake of Walton-on-Thames has designed a bow which creates much interest at St. George's Archery Club at Weybridge. It is a Repeating Cross Bow, capable of shooting 15 arrows in as many seconds.

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might cause offence and do more harm than good—they had voted against a suggestion of mobilising a corps of children who would immediately pick up any litter they saw dropped in the parks, and draw the culprits' attention to the fact that they were putting it in a bin.

David wants to see an advertising campaign of slogans and cartoons. "It might cost a bit to start with, but it would be worth while to save the £10,000 a year that it is now costing to clear up litter in the parks."

"I would like to have big posters of a man with lots of arms scattering litter in all directions,

and the slogan on it, Don't be a Litter Bug," said Evelyn.

"You know," said David, "until I was appointed to this committee I never realised how bad the problem is. Since then I have gone through the parks looking out for litter. It is appalling how much rubbish is left lying around."

"Newspapers are the worst litter," said Evelyn with the woman's privilege of the last word. "They used to carry a slogan about sending them for salvage. I'm sure it would help a lot if they would only run a notice like: When finished with, don't leave me lying about, but put me in a litter basket."



By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

IN these enlightened days it may sound unnecessary to ask: What is "equal pay"? But there is some confusion on the point, and certainly the arguments for and against it are many and varied.

By "equal pay" is meant the right of women workers to get the same wage or salary rates as men doing precisely the same work. The current campaign is designed to extend this principle to women in central and local government.

Statisticians estimate that if this principle—which is agreed by both the major political parties—were put into effect it would cost taxpayers and ratepayers an extra £32,000,000 a year.

The Government have promised to "pay up" when economic conditions permit. The Labour Party, now in opposition, are pledged to meet the claim whenever they regain power.

THIS question of "economic conditions" is important. Apart from the impact of an extra £32,000,000 a year on public funds—the condition of which influences our chances of lower rates and taxes—the long-term effect on industry must also be considered.

Equal pay in the public services (some opponents say) would lead to similar claims from women in trade, industry, and commerce. The consequent increase in the wages bill would put up the production costs of goods we sell abroad and, perhaps, make it harder for us to pay our way.

So runs one of the arguments against equal pay—apart from the one that men are held responsible in law for the maintenance of their families, and on that account should get more!

But there are powerful arguments for the proposal. Women have shown their ability, in some cases, not only to equal men in skill but to outshine them.

There we must leave the subject, with the caution that this is by no means the whole of the story. But it shows what intricate issues may be concealed by a simple slogan.

THIS is quite a session for "money" bills. It is possible that we have not heard the end of measures to increase retired Service officers' and Civil Servants' pensions and High Court judges' salaries, or to increase the pension contributions of schoolteachers—to say nothing of the proposal for a £500 a year increase (to £1500) in M.P.s' salaries.

**FRUITY:** According to the Minister of Food the amount of fresh fruit eaten in this country last year worked out at 69.8 lbs. per head.

**BEEFY:** Most of our beef comes from—the Argentine, did you say? No, from the Irish Republic—444,195 cwt. last year. The Argentine was the next-largest supplier with 13,847 cwt.

## News from Everywhere

### THINGS FOUND

A small Saxon burial urn at North Elmham, Norfolk; and a Bronze Age stone coffin at Doune, Perthshire.

The first George VI memorial camp is to be held near Hednesford, Staffs, in the week beginning July 31. The charge will be 25s. all in. Boys between 17 and 20 are invited to apply for places by April 16 to the South Staffs Council of Social Service, 16 Queen Square, Wolverhampton.

A two-mile-long trench dug in 1940 on the Downs near Folkestone as a measure against invasion may be made into a footpath.

### REDLAND

Mountain tops in Greenland have been covered with red snow. Experts think that it may contain volcanic ash or desert dust blown from the Sahara.

Experimental educational broadcasts from Dar-es-Salaam have been made to six African schools.

Lectures are being held at Loughton, Essex, for youths about to be called up for National Service.

### PAST TIMES

A copy of the County Council Times posted in 1895 to the chairman of the Parish Council at Churchdown, Gloucestershire, has just been delivered to another member of the Council.

Navy Days this year will be held at Chatham and Portsmouth Dockyards from April 17 to 19, at Devonport from June 5 to 7, and again at all three ports from July 31 to August 2. Ships of the Royal Navy will be open to the public and special exhibitions and displays will be arranged.

### ZULU BISHOP

The Very Reverend Bonaventura Dlamini is the first Zulu to become a Roman Catholic bishop.

Faza Island, off the Kenya coast, is to have its first postal service. A dhow from the port of Lamu will call weekly.

At least 180 T.V. stations in the U.S.A. are likely to be transmitting programmes in colour by the end of the year.

The Boy Scout World Jamboree of 1955 will be held at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, from August 18 to 28.

More than 1200 wells have already been sunk in India as part of the Government's irrigation plans.

### NEW NAME ON THE MOON

We much regret mistakes in a recent item published under this heading. The first paragraph should have read: A crater on the Moon is to be named after Mr. Roland Clarkson, President of the Ipswich and District Astronomical Association.



*It's more than an impression—it's a fact  
that more motor cyclists than ever ride on*

**DUNLOP**



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## BRITAIN'S BEST BUILDERS

"I reckon they're easily the finest builders in the country," said a young Scout who watched building operations in progress near a southern village. No effort was spared to make the house comfortable. Though lacking central heating, it was astonishingly warm. The reason? It was lined with thousands of feathers. And the builders were long-tailed tits.

During March they labour at their egg-shaped nest in a dense clump of thorns. In place of mortar they use saliva from their bills; their bricks are bits of moss and lichen; and walls and roof are reinforced with spiders' web filched from the wood.

How long do the builders take? Eighteen days to three weeks as a rule.

## BUSY TIME FOR TIM

In 1953 over a million people every week telephoned TIM for the time. Altogether they paid the Post Office £390,000 in 12 months for the service.

This talking clock was designed in 1937 at the Post Office Research Department at Dollis Hill, Middlesex, and the voice is that of Miss Jane Kane, who is now married.

## TIMBER ELEVEN

In honour of Prince Charles eleven trees were planted in the school cricket field of Harrold County Secondary School, near Bedford.

Besides the officials of the educational authorities, the head girl, Barbara Payne, and the head boy, Trevor Hartwell, helped to plant the trees, and received an illuminated certificate.

## FIREMEN'S NYLONS

Salford City Council are trying nylons for firemen. These nylons are not firemen's "hose," however, though guaranteed not to "ladder." They are trousers, which are specially strong and are waterproofed with rubber.



## Four Dancing Danes

These four girls in national costume are members of the Sports and Gymnastic High School at Gerlev in Denmark. They are on a tour of Britain, giving displays of gymnastics and folk dancing.

## FIRE-FIGHTING TUG AT SEA

The National Oil Refineries tug Nirumand has been converted into a fire-fighting vessel designed specially to deal with outbreaks on ships far out at sea.

Normally, ships on fire at sea have at least to get close to land before the blaze can be attacked with adequate equipment. But the Nirumand has been adapted so that she can set off from her station at Queen's Dock, Swansea, immediately her services are required by a vessel at sea.

Indeed, even before her trials had been completed she was in action, going 20 miles out to sea to the rescue of the Wave Victor, an Admiralty fleet auxiliary.

The fire-fighting tug has two large diesel engines capable of discharging 3000 gallons of water (or 9800 gallons of foam) per minute through steel nozzles—fixed on a platform.

A similar fire-fighting tug is being fitted out at Swansea for service on the seas around the Kent coast.

## BILL FOR THRILLS

Children playing in Langworthy Park, Salford, will soon be seeing the workmen putting up thrilling new equipment on their behalf. They will not, however, see the bill that will have to be met by the Parks Department from the rates and taxes paid by their parents.

The bill will read: Four sets swings: two slides: one ocean wave: one pendulum see-saw: one whirling platform—£710. And, by the way, this amount does not include the cost of putting up the equipment in the park.

## ELECTRONIC BRAIN FOR COVENTRY

Work will be made a little easier for 40 people in the City Treasurer's Department at Coventry, for an American electronic brain is to be installed.

The "brain," which is about the size of a normal office desk, will calculate difficult rate demands, work out a man's wages, and check its own answer inside a few seconds.



## On a farm in Kent

The early months of the year are busy ones for the shepherd, for it is lambing time. Here we see Frank Hollands with some of the Hampshire Down lambs he has reared on a Gravesend farm.

## HIGHLAND CATTLE FOR THE QUEEN

The Queen has purchased a 17-month-old Highland bull and four heifers so that she can establish a fold of Highland cattle at Balmoral.

These shaggy cattle are most attractive in appearance, but hardiness rather than looks is their most important quality, for they thrive on pastures too poor to maintain any other breed. Protected by their thick shaggy coats they can live out of doors under the most wintry conditions.

The breed is an ancient one. Records show that Highland cattle existed in the 12th century on the many islands off the West coast. Gradually, the breed spread to the mainland, and now there are herds in Russia, the Falkland Isles, America, and Canada.

One Canadian breeder has informed the Highland Cattle Society that he plans to come to Britain this year and take back with him 100 yearling heifers.

## TIBETAN SAGA

Heinrich Harrer wanted to climb Nanga Parbat, one of the highest of the unclimbed Himalayan peaks. But war broke out and he and his companion were interned.

In 1944 they escaped and made for Tibet, and the story of their fantastic journey to the capital city of Lhasa is one which seems to be "out of this world." With its descriptions of strange people and customs, it is one of the most colourful, exciting, and unusual travel adventures ever written.

You can read it in the April issue of WORLD DIGEST, now on sale, price 1s. 6d. It is the first instalment taken from Heinrich Harrer's fascinating book, Seven Years in Tibet.

## THE QUEEN REMEMBERS

Busy as she is kept during the Australian tour, the Queen always finds time every day to write to Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

The Duke of Edinburgh also sends the children illustrated Australian magazines out of which they cut photographs of their parents taken at different stages of the tour. These they are pasting into scrap-books which they intend to present to their father and mother on their return.

## CAPTAIN COOK'S CAPTAIN COOK

Now on his last voyage home to Britain, Captain James Cook has been ending his 50 years at sea as master of the 14,000-ton liner Captain Cook, which carries new settlers to New Zealand.

Sometimes Captain Cook has had to explain that the ship was not named after himself, but after his famous namesake, the Captain James Cook of King George III's reign who charted the coastlines of New Zealand and Australia and discovered many Pacific Islands.

The ship which the present Captain Cook has commanded on recent voyages to New Zealand was formerly known as the Letitia and then was renamed the Empire Brent. When she was taken over by the New Zealand Government a few years ago she received her third name—that of Britain's most famous navigator.

## IS IT A RECORD?

Another ship's captain who has given many years of fine service is Captain Franck Garrigue of the French Line.

It is possible that someone, somewhere, may have served in a greater number of vessels than he has done, but it is improbable.

It was recalled, when he recently completed his last voyage as master of the famous Ile de France, that he had served in no fewer than 45 ships of the company, and had commanded 12 of them.



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The C.N. Astronomer describes what we should see . . .

## IF SATURN CAME AS NEAR AS OUR MOON

Saturn may now be seen in the evening sky, low in the south-east before about nine o'clock but becoming better placed at a higher altitude as the night advances.

The star-map shows Saturn's present position relative to some of the stars of the constellation Libra, the Scales, the arrow indicating the extent of the motion of this world during the next two months.

Saturn is now about 834 million miles away, but by April 26, when it will be at its nearest to us for this year, it will have come 20 million miles nearer.

Consequently, during the next few weeks Saturn will appear at its brightest, presenting a beautiful and unique spectacle with its surrounding satellites and oval encircling rings, which can be seen through a telescope of only two inches aperture.

What a grand spectacle Saturn would present if, say, it came as near as our Moon. Then we would see this planet, without any optical aid, to be an immense golden sphere with an apparent diameter 37 times greater than our Moon—large enough to cover the constellation of Orion.

The sky would be lit up with the reflected sunlight from that great globe, which would shine through myriads of moonlets likewise lit up by the Sun and presenting phases just as our Moon does.

Saturn, of course, would do the

same, adding to the extreme weirdness of this singular scene with a great facsimile of the innumerable moonlets.

The celestial commotion produced by all these little moons speeding in different directions—for so it would appear as seen from our Earth's surface—would be astonishing. The outer ones travel at about ten miles a second, and those composing the inner ring travel at about 12½ miles a second.

Since the diameter of this vast Ring system of moonlets is about 171,000 miles, the nearest of them would, to continue with our hypothesis, approach to within about 150,000 miles of the Earth.

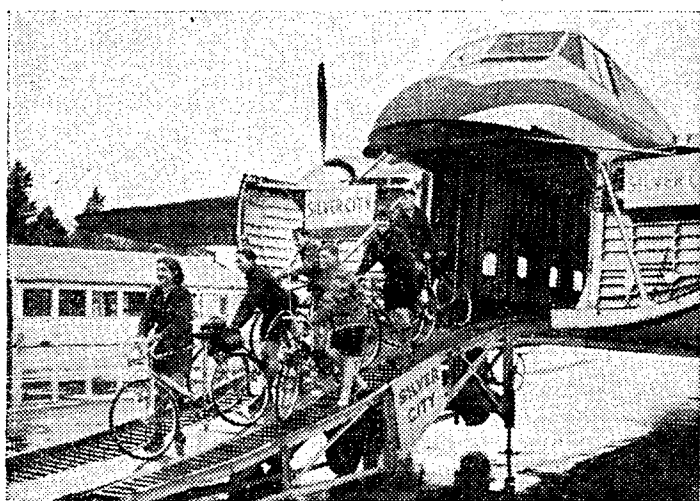
In addition to all these rapidly moving moonlets there are Saturn's nine greater moons, which are some hundreds of miles in diameter, and one, Titan, 3550 miles. These would add much to the glory of the night sky.

Much interest would be added by the ever-changing aspect of Saturn's surface, for as his great sphere rotates in about 10½ hours every detail would appear to cross it in only five hours.

If Saturn ever did come as near to us as our Moon then, instead of Saturn going round the Earth as an enormous moon, our world would have to go round Saturn, for it is 95 times heavier than the Earth.

G. F. M.

## TO SCHOOL BY AIR



The young cyclists arriving at Le Touquet

One Saturday morning recently six British schoolchildren, all members of the West Kent branch of the Cyclists Touring Club, loaded their bicycles aboard a Silver City ferryplane and set off for school in France.

Accompanied by their club leader, the two girls and four boys arrived at a school in Le Touquet at 2 p.m. Although it was Saturday the French children were still in their classrooms, for they attend until 6.15 on that day, having Thursdays off to make up for it.

With the aid of a young interpreter of the Touring Club de France, and a party of French

children who had cycled 100 miles from Lille, the French educational system was explained.

Schoolchildren all over the country are making plans to fly with their cycles to France this summer. One school alone is planning to take 160 youngsters to Le Touquet; others are going to see the actual site of the Battle of Agincourt.

On April 15 a new cheap-fare 20-minute air ferry route is to be opened by Silver City between Lympne and Calais. Children under 12 will pay 45s. return for themselves and 9s. for their bicycles.

## It happened this week

END OF A GREAT REIGN  
MARCH 24, 1603.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth died today in her 70th year at Richmond Palace.

To the very end she attempted to conduct the affairs of the nation she had ruled for nearly half-a-century. She had lost the power of speech, but she attempted to convey her last wishes by signs, and the ones made by her just before she passed away are interpreted as conveying her desire that King James VI of Scotland, son of the late Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, should succeed her on the Throne of England.

### ADVICE REJECTED

Early this year the Queen caught a cold. She was well enough to come to Richmond from London at the end of January, but a few weeks later she sickened again, and on March 15 she became alarmingly ill.

She took little nourishment, refused all medicine, and rejected advice that she should take to her bed. The Lords of Council were sent for as her condition grew worse, and were with her at the end.

Queen Elizabeth, the daughter of Henry VIII. and his second queen, Anne Boleyn, succeeded to the Throne on November 17, 1558, on the death of her sister, Queen Mary.

The great triumphs of her reign have been the crushing of the power of Spain culminating in the rout of the great Armada, and the raising of England to the front rank of maritime nations by encouraging such mariners as Drake and Frobisher and Hawkins. But there are those who believe that even these triumphs are eclipsed by the inspiration her reign has given to English poets and artists.

### HOPE FOR ST. PAUL'S

MARCH 26, 1620.—LONDON. Efforts to restore St. Paul's Cathedral—which has been in a dilapidated state since a fire in 1561—were given royal support today when King James and his family came in state to hear a sermon preached at St. Paul's Cross.

Mr. Henry Farley, who for eight years has agitated strenuously for the restoration, had prepared a petition in which the Cathedral was supposed to say that in preparation for today's royal visit "I have had more sweeping, brushing and cleansing than I have had in 40 years before."

### NEW THEATRE ROYAL

MARCH 27, 1674.—LONDON. The new £4200 Theatre Royal, in Drury Lane, planned by the eminent architect, Sir Christopher Wren, was opened last night before a brilliant assembly.

For the opening a prologue was written by Mr. John Dryden, the successful 42-year-old playwright, and the play presented was *The Beggars' Bush*, an entertaining piece written by Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher some 60 years ago.

ON THE AIR—By Ernest Thomson, our Radio and TV Correspondent

## JENNINGS APPEARS BY SPECIAL REQUEST

JENNINGS at School has come out top in the voting for Children's Hour Request Week, which begins on Sunday. Requests numbered more than 20,000, compared with 16,000 last year.

The week's winning programmes are: Sunday: Regional Round (among the top-scorers in the London results); Monday: Beatrix Potter; Tuesday: Nursery Sing Song, and that perennial favourite, Toy Town; Wednesday: Biggles in the Blue; Thursday: Jennings at School, followed by Country Dance Party; Friday: Fairy Story, and Captain Fortune; Saturday: White Boots.

This Thursday, as a foretaste of Request Week, Children's Hour will include a new Norman and Henry Bones adventure, *Line of Fire*. The Bones's came high in the voting, and as the play was already planned for a day so close to the Week, it was decided to make it a Request.

### Paul Temple returns

WELCOME to the seventh Paul Temple radio series. When the famous Francis Durbridge character makes his return on March 29, the role will be taken by Peter Cook, 40-year-old actor who frequently appears in Shakespeare at Stratford-on-Avon.

Peter Cook is seventh in the line. The exploits began 15 years ago, and throughout the programme's history it has been produced by Martin C. Webster, who even took it to TV.

Previous Temples have been Hugh Morton, Carl Bernard, Barry Morse, Howard Marion-Crawford, Richard Williams, and Kim Peacock.

### All aboard!

THE departure of the 5.30 p.m. express to Bournemouth will be televised from Waterloo Station on Thursday by means of the new "roving eye" camera.

Keith Rogers, who is in charge of the broadcast, tells me the camera will travel the length of the train along the covered taxi way adjoining the departure platform. Bill Duncalf will introduce viewers to station officials and perhaps have some microphone chats with passengers.

The roving eye will give us peeps inside the kitchen and restaurant cars, and will draw close to the engine just before the driver gets the "Right Away."

### Making a splash

THE water polo match between Penguins and Cheltenham to be televised on Saturday night has a special interest for TV staff, for the Penguins' home bath is exactly opposite the TV studios at Lime Grove, Shepherd's Bush.

The Penguins will be strong favourites when they meet Cheltenham at the Woodcock Road Baths, Birmingham, having won the National Club Championship six times. Cheltenham have yet to win the championship.

### Popular Mr Pastry



RICHARD HEARNE—Mr. Pastry—is popular with viewers of all ages. Next Saturday he can be seen in the evening variety show, *Well—You Asked for It*, having flown in from New York the day before "by special request." All the artists in this show are there in response to viewers' votes.

### Pick of the bunch

IT has been arranged for a dozen young people aged from 15 to 21 to go to Broadcasting House to record a special edition of *Question Time*. They had submitted the best questions among hundreds sent in.

We can hear the session, recorded before an audience of young Londoners, in the *Light Programme* on April 1.

### Seeing the Lyons

THE Lyons are to appear in TV for the first time. Ben Lyon and Bebe Daniels will be seen with Barbara and Richard in a family programme on April 2.

Producer Henry Caldwell tells me that details are still not complete, but the programme will include flashes from their new feature film about *Life with the Lyons*.

### First Aid Princess



Princess Margarethe, 19-year-old granddaughter of King Gustav VI Adolf of Sweden, is the "victim" during a First Aid demonstration in a Civil Defence course, which is compulsory to Swedish women.



# COLLEGE BUILT ROUND A MODEL RAILWAY

A SHORT bus ride from the centre of Derby is a large, handsome building standing behind a wide and well kept lawn. You might guess that it was a school or college but, in this case, it is a very special one. For this is one of the British Railways Staff Training Colleges.

Here, railwaymen from various departments of the service can take a course of training, fitted to their own individual jobs, which, in a few weeks, will give them knowledge and "background" that would take years to acquire in the ordinary course of their work.

If you walked in through the handsome entrance and across the hall you would find yourself in an enormous room which would gladden any boy's heart.

For a moment you might think you were looking at a large swimming bath. But there is no water on the sunken floor. Looking down from the gallery, which runs round the room, you would see the largest instructional miniature railway in the world. In fact, the whole College is built round it.

THIS great room, which is the Central Hall of the College, is 118 feet long and 46 feet wide. The gallery provides close observation of any part of the line or all of it at once. The class rooms,

control room, library, and canteen all open out on this gallery.

This wonderful railway has been carefully designed and built for demonstration by instructors for practice by pupils in various railway problems.

Signals and points are worked by miniature levers, coloured as in real life. But the signalling system uses life-size block telegraph in-



Mr. J. K. Thomas, M.A., Principal of the College, points out a feature of one of the building's mural paintings

struments. In short, this track demonstrates running lines, sidings, and station lay-outs in order to show what movements of trains are possible in various circumstances.

The speed is geared down so that the time between signal and signal or station and station may be more realistic. The instructors can provide nearly any situation you can think of, from a simple shunting operation to the working out of a time-table, based on standard railway practice, and taking four hours to put through.

THE only unreal feature about this line is that, for the sake of convenience, it is laid out on a continuous shelf running round the hall and that the curves on the four corners are much sharper than if they were strictly to scale.

But this railway does have a

break in it so that it can be operated practically as a main line, and not as a sort of endless belt.

It is 260 feet long with a single line branch of 131 feet. A North and South District of the same railway is assumed to exist at either end. The power for the trains is 12 volts D.C., and the gauge is "O."

The "driving" is done from four panels, one at each corner of the gallery. These panels have three-position switches and, while standing at them, a pupil can see his train and all the signals controlling it. The control room has telephone lines to each signal box and, with the doors closed, gives the right effect of remoteness.

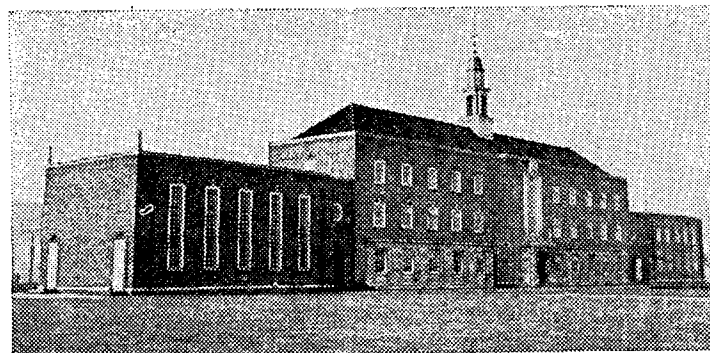
Students not actually taking part watch from big sets of tiered seats which can be moved about the central floor.

At the start of the line there is a double track past the first station, which is both passenger and goods, with a motive power depot and carriage sidings. Here, too, is the junction with the single line branch.

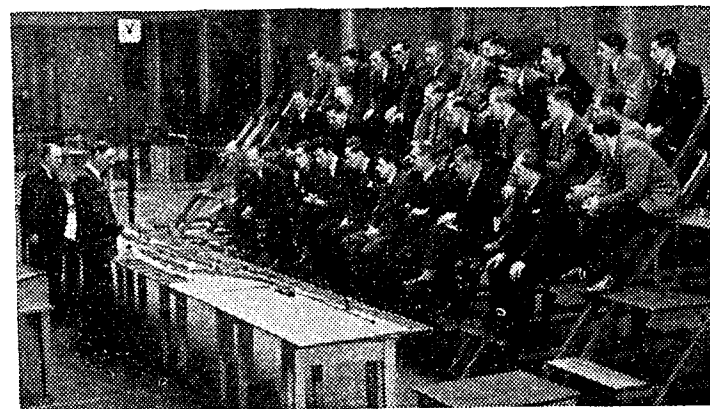
From here the double line soon becomes four lines and proceeds through a tunnel. Next comes a goods station with sidings. Then, past two more stations, is a 59-foot-long section, with double line automatic colour-light signalling, and a passenger station with a marshalling yard.

The station lay-outs include examples of dead ends; crossing places on single lines, crossover roads, and two methods of accommodating two Up and two Down trains at the same time, with scissors crossing. The sidings have trap and catch points.

For signalling there are ten miniature lever frames of different sizes, with from six to 50 levers, and examples of most signalling safeguards. Also the instructors have switches, controlled by a special key, which cause artificial failures of block instruments, track circuits, and signals.



The British Railways Staff Training College at Derby



Station masters and controllers watching the organisation of work in a marshalling yard

THE rolling stock is 12 locos, 42 coaches, 39 wagons, and ten freight brake vans. All trains carry standard code head lamps and tail lamps.

The practical part of all this is shown if there is a mishap. Students see just what has to be done by the engine crew, the guard, the signalmen, and the stationmasters in advance and in rear of the accident.

Special clocks which can be set at any time and stopped while discussion of a situation takes place, are used and are vital in exercises in timetable operation, when a team of students becomes the control room staff.

Budding controllers have, among many other things, to consider the principal factors in running a railway. By question and answer the instructor shows that a railway is a business. It must provide safe and comfortable transport in the best time and at the lowest cost, making full use of

staff and equipment and power.

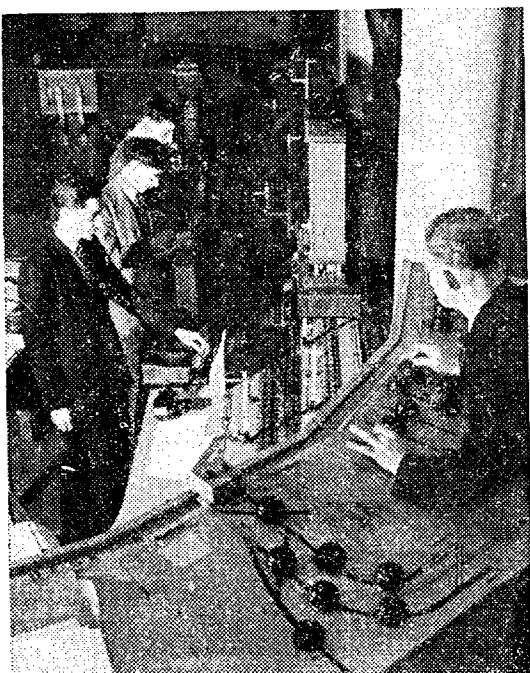
There is a Station Masters' Course, which covers not only operating but the important commercial side—conditions under which goods are carried, care of livestock, cash and accounts, and so on. There is a special course, too, for Permanent Way Supervisors as well as for Assistant Controllers. All students go to places on the railway system where the work they are studying is being done. Track defects are learned in this way, the running of stations, and so on.

THE College has 50 bed-sitting-rooms, games room, canteen, and a splendid cinema with a wonderful selection of films on every aspect of railway work. The day stops at 5.30 p.m., and though students are then free to go where they like they usually stay in College and talk shop.

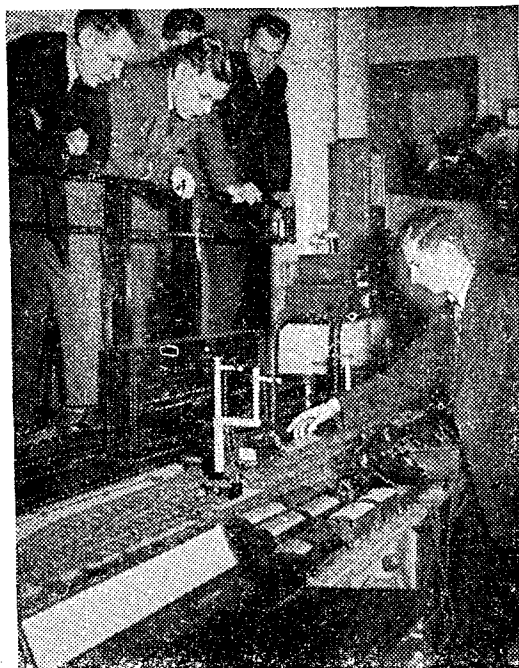
And this exchange of experience and different local methods is one of the most valuable lessons of all.



Students in the control room of the railway. All traffic is controlled from this room



An engine-driver controls his miniature engine from the switchboard



Students watching a demonstration of train movements at a signalling point



Discussing an exercise which has just taken place on the miniature railway, the movements of trains being indicated on the graph



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## THE LIVING MEMORIAL

It has been announced that most of the King George VI Memorial Fund is to be devoted to "the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of young and old alike."

In their aim of helping Youth, the Council of the Foundation recognise the need for guidance, and £500,000 of the total of £1,665,000 collected is to enable voluntary organisations to train leaders, boys and girls as well as adults.

Another £400,000 is to be used for promoting physical recreation among young people.

In their concern for the old folk, the Council are mindful of what is perhaps their greatest affliction—loneliness. And so the King George VI Fund is to promote social life among them by spending £400,000 on establishing non-residential clubs where they can meet others of their generation with whom to explore Memory Lane.

Another excellent provision is £40,000 to assist in the training of those engaged in the care and welfare of old people.

If King George VI himself could have been consulted in the matter he would have outlined just such aims.

We can all rejoice that the final tribute to him should take shape as a Living Memorial.

## The Editor's Table

### THE CUSTOMER'S LANGUAGE

At a recent conference about Britain's export trade, a speaker pointed out the importance of writing to foreign buyers in their own language. He deplored the attitude that "English is good enough for me; it should be for them."

It is not difficult to imagine the irritation of a foreign business man who receives letters he cannot understand, and has to find someone to translate them. The British exporter's rival who uses the customer's language is likely to get the order.

Many of our young people are destined to take a direct part in the vital struggle for the British lion's share of the world's markets. Those who take pains to acquire another language will be the best-equipped.

### Reminder from the first President

ON show in New York recently was a letter written by George Washington in 1790, when the United States was only a few years old. It was addressed to the Jewish Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island.

The United States Government, wrote Washington, is one "... which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

And he went on to express his hope that the United States would enable every citizen, regardless of creed, to "... sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid."

The first President's message has a special meaning in these times. Amid so much suspicion and intolerance, there must be millions of Americans who are today wondering if it can still be claimed for a citizen of the Land of the Free that there is "none to make him afraid."

### This Kind World

SIR ALFRED and Lady Munnings were standing on Harwich Quay watching a young Trinity House officer vainly trying to start his old car. Suddenly the distinguished artist turned to his wife and said, "Let's give him the 1920 Buick that's been standing so long in the garage at home."

No sooner said than done! The officer was told that the Buick was his for the taking, and now he has got the old car on the road and intends to enter it in vintage car races this year.

### When the wind blows



Ah, March! we know thou art Kind-hearted, 'spite of ugly looks and threats, And, out of sight, art nursing April's violets.

Helen Hunt Jackson

### Seals of Sunshine

LAST week we paid our tribute to the memory of Grace Kimmins who devoted her life to crippled children. This week we tell of an opportunity for everyone to help them. You can buy booklets of 30 penny Easter Seals to stick on the envelopes of your letters, besides postage stamps.

These booklets can be obtained from the Honorary Treasurer, Central Council for the Care of Cripples, 12 Whitehall, London, S.W.1. They are a simple and practical way of helping.

### Think on These Things

JEREMIAH, an Old Testament prophet who bravely denounced wrong, relates the story of how God called him to be a servant.

The first chapter of his Book tells of the excuses he made, when called of God, to evade the responsibility laid on him.

He thought himself a poor orator. "I cannot speak," he said, "for I am a child."

But God said to Jeremiah: "Thou shalt go to all that I send, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak." God touched his mouth to make him a fearless prophet.

When God calls a man to spread the Good News, He not only supplies the message, He also makes him eloquent.

F. P.

### LADY ON THE FOOTPLATE

WHEN a mixed school party visited an instructional train at a railway depot in the provinces, they were asked who would like to be engine-drivers. Not one boy put up his hand, but several girls did!

Prejudiced males who criticise women car-drivers will, of course, hope that ladies never get a chance to become engine-drivers. They picture them blandly ignoring signals, forgetting to stop at stations, and over-running platforms; or breaking down and plaintively asking a platelayer: "Oh, do be a sweet angel and find out what's wrong with my loco. You men are so clever at these things!"

That is all nonsense of course, and we may live to see the lady engine-driver adjusting her hair at the mirror in the driving cab after bringing in the 8.30 bang on time—all in one piece!

### Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, March 29, 1924

OF all the events, likely or unlikely, which may befall the human race this summer, none is of more curious interest than the project of Robert H. Goddard, the American who is still thinking of carrying out his long-considered project of firing a rocket into the Moon.

The rocket will be composed of steel, will contain an internal combustion engine, will be ignited by smokeless nitro-cellulose, will weigh 15 pounds, and will travel at a speed of six or seven miles a second.

Mr. Goddard thinks it will reach the Moon in little more than a day and a half!

### DAY AND NIGHT

SAID Day to Night, "I bring God's light. What gift have you?" Night said, "The dew."

"I give bright hours," Quoth Day, "and flowers." Said Night, "More blest, I bring sweet rest."

Lady Anne Lindsay (1750-1825)

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### THEY SAY . . .

I'M buying British, because British ships are better built. *An American shipowner*

NOW we have films of the Queen's world tour. She should be eligible for an Oscar. *An American film critic*

THE manners of bus conductors and others who come into contact with the public are better than those in other countries. *Earl Winterton*

YOU have to go on living and trying to improve at the same time. It is very hard. *Sir Winston Churchill*

SUFFER with dignity. Do not think it is unfair to suffer. Say to yourself: "I will get over it. Maybe there is a reason why I am going through this, but I can help myself more than anybody else can."

Odette Churchill, G.C.

### Out and About

SCORES of toads and frogs are in the pond. They have all come from their winter shelters, usually in mud.

Every Spring these amphibians go back to the water for mating, and the females lay their eggs in the water. Then they go back to dry land. The frog will go in and out of the water in summer, but the toad usually keeps to dry land after the mating season is over.

There may be several thousand of the small black eggs set in jelly in each "clutch," the frog's being in a mass, the toad's in long double strings hung on plant stems. Within a week the eggs turn into tadpoles, all head and tail.

One of the wonders of nature is the way tadpoles grow lungs to breathe with instead of gills, sprout four legs, and lose their long tail as it grows into the body of an adult frog or toad which climbs out of the water and begins its life on land.

C. D. D.

### JUST AN IDEA

As R. L. Stevenson wrote: To know what you prefer, instead of humbly saying Amen to what the world tells you you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive.

## Under the Editor's Table

PETER PUCK WANTS TO KNOW

If B.A.s are a degree better than most people

I know of no way to deduce the future with certainty, says the Chairman of the United States Council of Economic Advisers. Who does?

Art helps children to see themselves. Some prefer a mirror.

Current thought—How to save electricity.

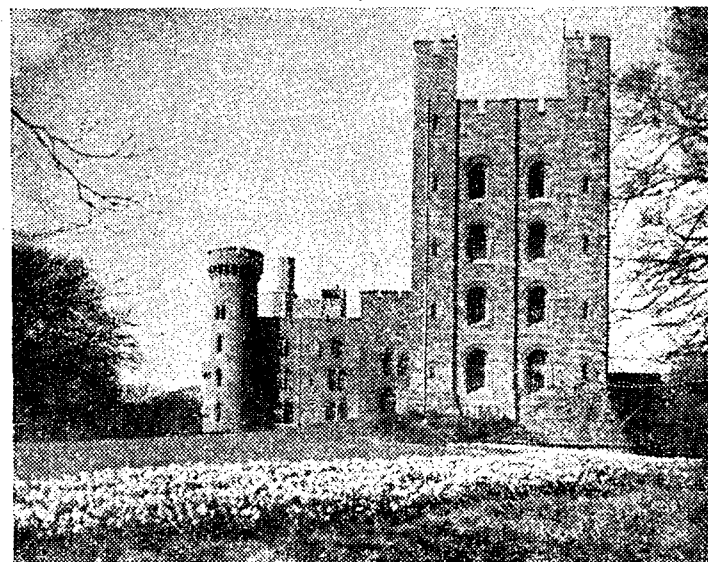
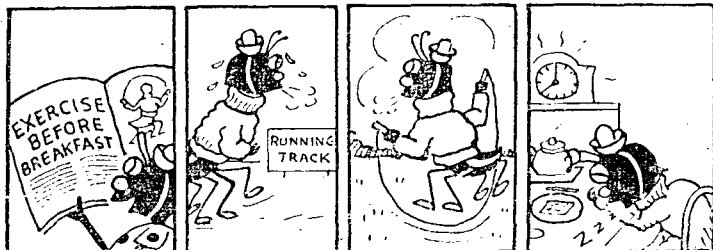
Most things are better made by someone else says a writer. Especially mistakes.



Healthy babies are not easily disturbed. They prefer to do the disturbing.

An American has invented a circular screen cinema. You see the show round.

BILLY BEETLE



OUR HOMELAND

Once again Spring flowers greet Penrhyn Castle in north-west Wales



## SCHOOL FARM

The third of a series of articles describing all-the-year-round activities on a school farm in the South of England.

### 3. A visit to market

A VISIT to the market is always a popular event. The school is fortunate in having one market only five miles away, and two others some 15 miles away.

On visiting any one of them, more experienced members warn the younger ones against nodding their heads or fidgeting in front of the auctioneer. "He might take it as a bid," said one, "and then you'll find that you have bought a lorry!"

Market days generally follow a pattern—cows being driven in, livestock vans being backed through the gates, drivers obeying the hoarse shouts of the porters so that they can come as close in as is convenient, lorries unloading a varied assortment of items. There are bicycles, household mangles, harmoniums, dozens of fold units, poultry arks, car tyres, tools.

#### INSPECTOR ON DUTY

Pigs are grunting in the pens, poultry is being lifted out of the crates and placed in the pens. A uniformed inspector of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is on duty to see that the animals are not ill-treated.

On one of the school visits, four of the boys were sent off to bid for day-old cockerels of the heavy variety, three others went to bid for a quantity of chicken wire, and another two were stationed near a pile of timber which was urgently needed by the school farm.

One of the boys suddenly shouted, "Here comes Susie!" And down the ramp came Susie, the large Wessex saddleback sow which the school was selling, together with her litter. She was a good sow, and she had a litter of eleven healthy piglets, but the boys had decided against keeping any more of the breed.

The youngest members of the Young Farmers' Club were allowed to watch her being sold, while the remaining members were told to scout round and see if there was anything that might be needed.

#### A TRAILER GOING

Two of them came back, both very excited. "Sir, sir," they said, "there's a trailer going. It's a bit rough, but we could polish it up in the woodwork room. It will just suit the tractor. Shall we try to buy it?"

An impromptu meeting of the club was called. All came hurriedly from their vantage points. It was decided that about £20 could be managed; as the youthful secretary pointed out, "We can only have it if it is a bargain."

Three members were detailed to bid for it, and the others went back to their stations. There were other items which would have been useful, but it was decided that these could wait and that they would build up their equipment and stock as they went along.

The auctioneer grinned when he saw the youthful, eager faces among the crowd which swarmed around his desk. He was quite

used to seeing a party from the school.

The sale proceeded briskly, as it always does, and from the point of view of school finances it was quite successful.

The day-old cockerels were "Up" on last week's prices, as one boy put it, but the pigs were also "Up." In other words, the boys had to pay a little more for the cockerels, but their pigs fetched higher prices than was the case the previous week.

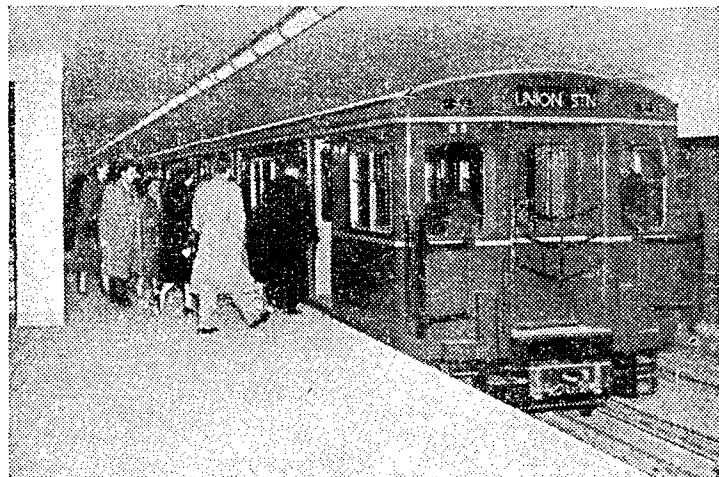
#### FLUCTUATING PRICES

This little example of the rise and fall in prices made the boys very thoughtful. They saw at once that prices can drop or rise alarmingly from week to week.

The wood fetched a high price, but it was needed. There were several bidders for it. The trailer became the property of the club for £18 10s. They were all very thrilled with this bargain, and the boys who had bought it were very proud of themselves.

Those who were detailed to buy wire came back empty-handed, looking very disconsolate. The price it had fetched was above them. However, on the whole, it had been quite a successful day.

## CANADA'S FIRST UNDERGROUND RAILWAY



In Britain we are accustomed to the underground railway. But Canada's first, which is to be opened in Toronto on March 30, aroused so much public interest in its construction that the authorities issued pamphlets called *Sidewalk Superintendents' Manuals*. These were for the information of the passer-by or idler who likes to hang over the barrier round a trench or cutting and "explain" to his neighbours exactly what is going on.

Muddy cuttings, brawny workmen, and fascinating holes in the ground, however, have now given

#### BIGGEST CARGO VESSEL

The biggest cargo vessel in the world has been launched from the Japanese Navy Yard at Kure.

She is the 60,000-ton ore-carrier, *Ore Chief*, which will operate between South America and the United States.

Her length, 756 feet, is exceeded only by a few passenger liners.

## On the Royal Route

# LAST DAYS IN AUSTRALIA

From an Australian Correspondent

Everywhere the Queen has been during the last few weeks she has found herself, as the Australian Premier has pointed out, "in her own country and among her own people."

Now her triumphal tour of Australia is drawing to a close and the last State to greet her and the Duke of Edinburgh is the biggest of all, Western Australia, known as "The Western Third" because it covers roughly one-third of the whole continent.

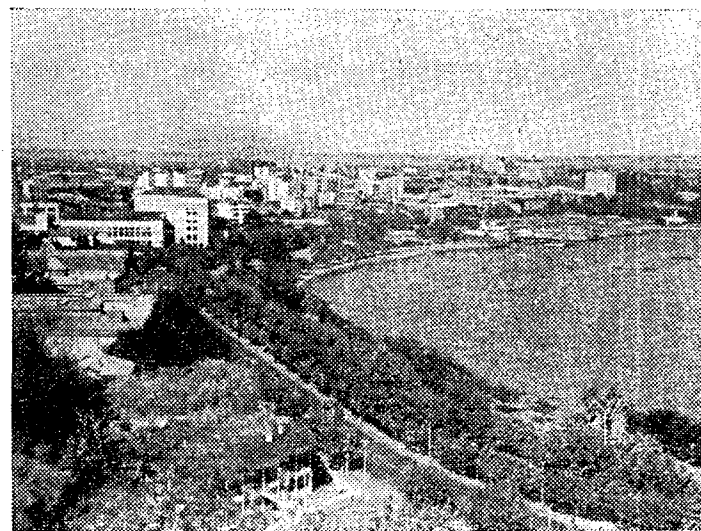
On Thursday, March 25, the Royal couple will make a flying visit from Adelaide to Renmark and Mildura, two great fruit-growing centres which owe their rapid development to various irrigation schemes.

#### FRUIT FOR BRITAIN

At Renmark they will see some of the best-kept orange plantations in Australia. At Mildura, 200 miles away in the north-west corner of Victoria, they will see how the great quantities of dried fruit, exported to Britain, are grown and packed.

Their tour of Western Australia will begin on Friday, when they will fly from Adelaide to Kalgoorlie, 1050 miles away.

Kalgoorlie is famous for its gold



The magnificent sweep of the bay at Perth

mines, which have yielded over £300,000,000 worth of the metal. Its "Golden Mile" is claimed to be the richest stretch of ground in the world; but it is a desert town, and water has to be pumped to it from a distant reservoir through 364 miles of steel piping.

An hour and a half's flight from Kalgoorlie will bring the Royal party to Perth, which, like the other Australian capitals, is a city graced by imposing buildings and beautiful parks. Founded in 1829, it stands on the Swan River 12 miles from the port of Fremantle. Australians congregate round their big cities, and over half of this western State's total population (602,000) lives in Perth, Fremantle, and adjoining districts.

#### PIPING WELCOME

A jubilant welcome awaits the Royal visitors. Thirteen brass and pipe bands are to entertain the densely packed thousands waiting along the Royal route for their glimpse of the Queen and the Duke on March 27. Distance is no object to people living in a State nearly twice the size of Britain, France, and Spain put together!

Although much of Western

Australia is desert, it has some 11,400,000 sheep, extensive regions of fertile farming land, and State forests covering 3,392,000 acres. It also has great mineral wealth which promises a dazzling future.

Following various functions during their three-day stay in Perth, the Royal travellers will board their plane again on Tuesday, March 30, for the pleasant seaside town of Busselton, and the small port of Albany on the south coast, where they will drive round the magnificent natural harbour.

#### FAREWELL TO AUSTRALIA

On the morrow they will tour the Western Australian wheat belt, east of Perth, a region roughly 500 miles long and 160 at its widest.

Then will come the last day of their visit to this young and hopeful land. On April 1, at five o'clock in the afternoon, the Queen and her husband will embark in the *Gothic* at Fremantle. Half an hour later all Australia will be listening to the Queen's farewell broadcast.

Thus will end a visit which neither the Royal visitors nor the millions of the great Southern Continent are ever likely to forget.



The pitmen's ballet

These work-grimed miners of Altofts, near Wakefield in Yorkshire, are also members of a dancing troupe which gives concerts in nearby villages. Now the miners have turned to ballet, and here we see them receiving expert instruction at the hands of 19-year-old Avril Panton.



## REPUBLICAN CENTURY

It is just 100 years since the Republican Party of America, to which President Eisenhower belongs, came into being. The party had been formed in the years before the American Civil War and in 1854 it took the name Republican with a programme to fight slavery.

Its first party convention was held, after the party had been named earlier in the year, at Jackson, Michigan, in July 1854. It nominated its first presidential candidate, Fremont, in 1856, and though unsuccessful in having him elected, did succeed in 1858 in gaining a majority in the House of Representatives.

The first Republican president was elected in 1860. He was Abraham Lincoln, and the party held office continuously until 1884.

### THE DEMOCRATS

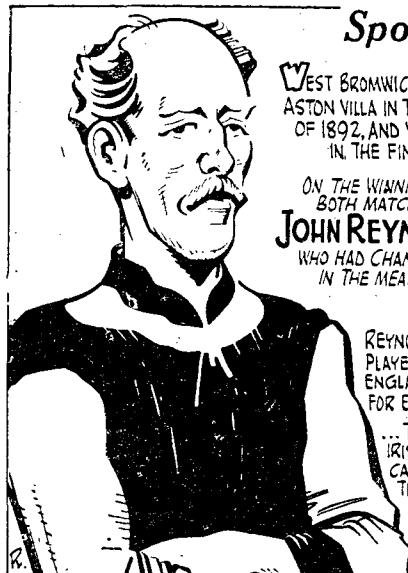
The Democratic Party came into existence in 1828, when Andrew Jackson became president; and since that time the Democrats have had ten presidents, and the Republicans 14.

The names "Republican" and "Democrat" always seem a little puzzling to the British reader. For surely no member of the Republican Party would admit to being undemocratic? And what Democrat would vote for his country being anything but a republic?

The answer, of course, is to be found in the history book. Originally the Democrats stood particularly for the idea of localised government with every place looking after its own affairs.

The Republicans, on the other hand, started with a strong belief in the overall national character of their new country and that government should be, as far as possible, centralised. They wanted the political emphasis on one great body, "The Republic", rather than on numerous small "democratic" self-governing local bodies.

## Sporting Flashbacks

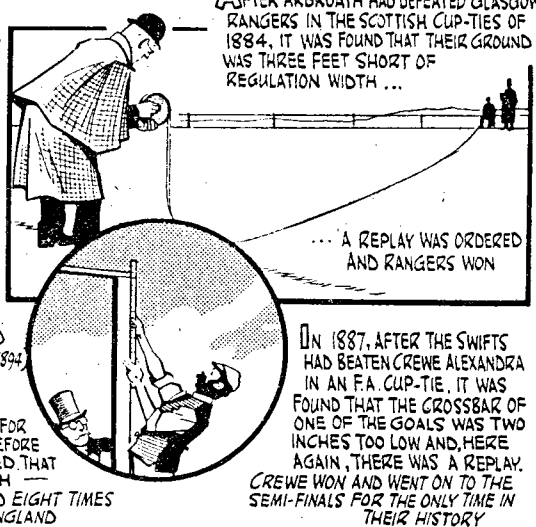


WEST BROMWICH ALBION DEFEATED ASTON VILLA IN THE FA CUP FINAL OF 1892, AND VILLA BEAT ALBION IN THE FINAL OF 1895.

ON THE WINNING SIDE IN BOTH MATCHES WAS  
**JOHN REYNOLDS**  
WHO HAD CHANGED CLUBS IN THE MEANTIME

REYNOLDS ALSO PLAYED FOR IRELAND V. ENGLAND (1890-91) AND FOR ENGLAND V. IRELAND (1894)

...THOUGHT TO BE IRISH-BORN, HE WAS CAPPED FIVE TIMES FOR THE GREEN ISLE BEFORE IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT HE WAS ENGLISH. HE THEN PLAYED EIGHT TIMES FOR ENGLAND



AFTER ARBROATH HAD DEFEATED GLASGOW RANGERS IN THE SCOTTISH CUP-TIES OF 1884, IT WAS FOUND THAT THEIR GOAL WAS THREE FEET SHORT OF REGULATION WIDTH ...

... A REPLAY WAS ORDERED AND RANGERS WON

IN 1887, AFTER THE SWIFTS HAD BEATEN CREWE ALEXANDRA IN AN FA CUP-TIE, IT WAS FOUND THAT THE CROSSBAR OF ONE OF THE GOALS WAS TWO INCHES TOO LOW AND, HERE AGAIN, THERE WAS A REPLAY. CREWE WON AND WENT ON TO THE SEMI-FINALS FOR THE ONLY TIME IN THEIR HISTORY

## LORD MILNER, STATESMAN AND IDEALIST

Service to his country was ever the aim of Alfred, Lord Milner, who was born 100 years ago on March 23. Unemotional, reserved, his refusal to compromise provoked controversy, particularly when the Boer War began.

This doctor's son, born in Germany, progressed brilliantly at Balliol College, Oxford. He found a warm response to his awakening ambition for public service, and joined those undergraduates who, led by the remarkable young Arnold Toynbee, sought remedies for poverty and inequality.

After gaining various scholarships and a fellowship of New College and becoming President of the Union, Milner went promptly to Whitechapel, and helped found the famous "popular university," Toynbee Hall.

But enjoying no private income, he had to earn his living. He studied law, but briefs were few. He worked on the candid Pall Mall Gazette. Then he became secretary to Mr. (later Lord) Goschen, soon to be Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Milner's progress now became meteoric: Financial Under-Secretary

in Egypt at 35; head of Britain's Inland Revenue Board in 1892, High Commissioner to South Africa at 43.

The vessel that anchored beneath mighty Table Mountain in May 1897, brought this tall, austere bachelor to a tense situation. Two ways of life were clashing in the Boer province of Transvaal. Under old Paul Kruger, Boers muttered against the "Outlanders"—the Britons whose gold mines now thrived there. The latter, producing 90 per cent of the Transvaal's revenue, complained that they were denied votes.

### "MILNER'S KINDERGARTEN"

For months the new High Commissioner trekked over dusty veld and kopje, learning Dutch, talking to grizzled pioneers, studiously avoiding controversy. But gradually he decided that without full rights for Britons, the Transvaal's peace was threatened.

War came tragically, after abortive conferences. But when long-delayed victory arrived, Milner devoted himself to restoring the devastated regions.

Aided by zealous young Oxford men—"Milner's Kindergarten"—

he restarted Boer farms, brought in stock, seed, and machinery; rebuilt roads and bridges; planned railways; opened schools.

His retirement in 1905 came after the controversy caused by his introduction of Chinese labour for the Transvaal mines—whose wealth, Milner urged, was the basis of reconstruction.

But the First World War found him serving his country again. He joined the Cabinet of Mr. Lloyd George, and was later responsible for one of the most momentous decisions of the war: he asked the French Premier, M. Clemenceau, to make General Foch supreme commander.

Before his death in 1925 he helped to establish the first Ministry of Health (1919), and founded the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, in Trinidad.

Lord Milner lacked many of the qualities that make men popular. But he deserves remembrance as a statesman of vision and broad humanity; also as one who tried all his days to live nobly.

"Pitch your ideal sufficiently high from the outset"—was his abiding doctrine.

## HIS RED INDIAN HOBBY

Callers at the Winnipeg home of Peter Martin will invariably see the door opened by somebody in Red Indian dress. For Peter, who is 19, is probably the youngest recognised authority on the Indians in all Canada.

He and his two younger brothers have been going around in Indian dress for the past ten years, when Peter's interest in the plains Indians began. At that time his father made him a small Indian tomahawk.

Immediately, Peter began making Indian knives, buying books on Indian lore, seeking out authentic instructions on the proper way to make Indian head-dresses, buckskin shirts, beaded ornaments, rattles, drums, quivers, and many other such picturesque articles.

Now the boys have a collection that would enrich many a museum, not the least of their treasures being a flowing Sioux head-dress and a shirt of the Blackfoot tribe which took three years to make after the original elk-hide had been properly tanned.

In addition, these three lads have made a special study of all the many North American Indian dances.

### VETERAN'S FAREWELL

From the Isle of Wight the oldest motor-car still on the Island roads will soon be making the longest journey of its life—by boat!

The car is a 22 h.p touring model first registered in 1908, and has been sold to Mr. H. L. Cook of Akron, Ohio, an American collector of veteran cars. For over 35 years it lay neglected in a disused garage at Cowes, until two local men put it back into working order last year.

Despite its age it will do 18 miles to the gallon, and still has a top speed of 50 m.p.h.

## THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO—Alexandre Dumas' famous story told in pictures (6)

Edmond, as the "Count of Monte Cristo," astonished all Paris with his fabulous riches. But he was seeking the three callous men who had conspired to have him imprisoned for

life, when he had been guilty of no real offence. All three had prospered while he had suffered for 14 years in a dungeon: Fernand, by some shady means, had

made a fortune and was now "Comte de Morcerf"; Danglars, through speculation, had become a wealthy banker; and de Villefort was now the King's Attorney.



It seemed that Mercédès, Morcerf's wife, did not recognise Edmond. Neither did Danglars when Edmond called on him to open a banking account. Danglars had told his friends that Monte Cristo was a fraud. But he was amazed when the "Count" showed him notes for a million francs, and even more astounded at a letter from a bank in Rome saying he could give the Count of Monte Cristo "unlimited credit."



Edmond secretly bought Danglars' two splendid horses. Then, hearing that Madame Danglars was angry that they had gone, he gave them back to her. He knew, too, that her friend, Madame de Villefort, was borrowing the horses to drive to Autenil. He had given the animals a delayed-action drug to make them bolt, and he posted his Nubian servant outside his house at Autenil to stop the runaways with a lasso.



As a result of this incident, de Villefort called to thank "Monte Cristo," not recognising him as the man he had sent to the Chateau d'If years before. Edmond had now won the confidence of his three enemies: of Morcerf for saving his son Albert from bandits in Rome; of Danglars for returning his horses to him; of de Villefort because his servant had saved Madame de Villefort and her young son.



Edmond had with him as his adopted daughter a girl named Haidee, who had been sold into slavery by the Turks and rescued by him. Haidee, at the opera, recognised Morcerf as the traitor who had betrayed her father, Ali Pasha, a great Albanian patriot, by pretending to be his friend yet secretly arranging for the Turks to capture him. It was by this treachery that Morcerf had made a large part of his fortune.

How does Edmond plan to deal with his unscrupulous enemies? See next week's instalment



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# ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

The Linbury Court School cricket teams have been taken to watch a county match. Jennings and Darbshire help Mr. Findlater, a cricketer, to look for a man suspected of picking pockets in the players' dressing room. Owing to a misunderstanding, for which Darbshire is responsible, Mr. Findlater accuses Mr. Wilkins of being the thief whom they are seeking.

## 10. Token of thanks

CHARLES EDWIN JEREMY DARBISHIRE was never at his best when face to face with a crisis. He stood first on one leg, then on the other, twisting his fingers with confusion, and pink to the ears with shamefaced mortification.

"I'm terribly sorry, sir, I made a bish; I mean . . . I didn't mean . . . or rather . . ." The lame excuses faltered to a stop. How on earth could he explain?

By this time Mr. Findlater had realised that all was not well. Some hitch, it appeared, had occurred in the programme as advertised. He released his grip on Mr. Wilkins and asked: "Do you mean to say this isn't the right man?"

"Yes—I mean, no, of course he isn't. That's Mr. Wilkins, one of our masters."

"You told me he was the thief."

"What . . . What! . . . I—I—*Corwump!*" fumed the indignant captive.

Darbshire avoided Mr. Wilkins' smouldering eye and mumbled: "Yes, I know, but I sort of got them mixed up by mistake, if you see what I mean."

## Explanation

"Mistake?" echoed the cricketer in surprise. "Surely you know the difference between one of your masters and a—a bogus autograph forger!"

Slowly the explanation was pieced together, and Mr. Wilkins accepted the cricketer's apologies with as good a grace as he could muster. There remained, however, the problem of finding the real thief—a task which seemed almost impossible now that so much time had been wasted.

"We'll never get him now. He'll have slipped out with the crowd and may be half a mile away," Mr. Findlater observed. He turned to retrace his steps to the pavilion, and as he did so a small figure came skipping towards them.

It was Jennings; and Darbshire's spirits sank deeper at the sight of his friend. For this could mean only that the shadower was returning to report his failure to keep the quarry under observation.

"What happened, Jen?" Darbshire asked without enthusiasm.

"Well, I had a bit of bad luck really," Jennings began. "I was following this chap when he looked round and saw me. He must have known I suspected him because he dodged in and out of

the crowd, and when he thought I wasn't looking he took cover in a little hut with lawn mowers and things inside."

"The groundsman's shed," confirmed Mr. Findlater. "Too bad I didn't know earlier; I could have nabbed him as he came out."

"What did you do, then?" demanded Mr. Wilkins impatiently. "Just walked off and left the fellow to escape, I suppose!"

"Oh, no, sir!" Jennings replied. "I tried that dodge that General Meridew showed us the other week. There was a rolled-up cricket net leaning against the hut; so when the chap went in and shut the door I slipped the noose of the guy rope round the door handle and tied it to a heavy roller that was standing just outside."

"You mean to say he's still there?" cried Mr. Findlater and Mr. Wilkins, in unison.

"Oh, yes! He can't get out till someone opens the door. I don't know if I did right, sir, but . . ."

## To the groundsman's hut

He broke off in mild surprise, as he found that only Darbshire was left to listen to the story. The remaining two-thirds of his audience were pounding full-tilt towards the groundsman's hut . . . Leading the field was R. J. Findlater, renowned for his speed between the wickets. Behind him galloped L. P. Wilkins, Esq., M.A., less renowned as a sprinter, but grimly determined to reach the scene of operations before it was too late.

It took Mr. Carter some while to round up the missing members of the Linbury party. But at last they were ready and set off for the bus stop in an excited, chattering crocodile. Thus it was that they missed seeing the arrival of the police car which swung in through the gate of the County ground just after the boys had departed. When the car left a few minutes later, the small thin man was sandwiched in the back seat between two policemen.

## Thoughtful Darbshire

All the way back to school the Linbury boys could talk of nothing but the sensational climax to their half-holiday. The day's play had been well worth watching for its own sake; and with the addition of a hue-and-cry to enliven the proceedings, no one could complain that county cricket was a dull game.

Only Darbshire remained quiet and thoughtful; and as the boys alighted near the school gates, Jennings sought the reason for his friend's silence.

"What are you looking so ossified about?" he inquired with kindly concern.

"My autograph book," replied Darbshire sadly. "It's a mouldy chizz. All that hoo-hah and rushing about, and even now I haven't got R. J. Findlater's autograph."

Darbshire need not have worried. A week later the headmaster sent for both boys to report to his study at the end of afternoon school.

"I have received a letter from Mr. Findlater, in connection with the—ah—unfortunate occurrence at the county ground last week," he said.

Jennings and Darbshire opened their eyes wide, in puzzled wonder. This was the last thing they had expected to hear.

"He says that it was mainly due to you two boys that the players didn't have to go home with empty pockets; and as a token of thanks he would like you to accept the bat with which he scored his century that afternoon." From behind his desk the headmaster produced a cricket bat and pointed to the long list of signatures inscribed on the blade. "It appears that the other players have expressed a wish to be included in Mr. Findlater's—ah—generous gift, for you will notice that the bat bears the autographs of all the members of both teams."

## Share out

Then the boys' eyes grew round as saucer lids, and they flipped their fingers in delight.

"Ooh, sir . . . Thank you, sir . . . Thank you very much indeed, sir . . ."

They hurried from the room, Jennings clutching the precious bat, and Darbshire prancing alongside making imaginary late cuts and leg-glances at the empty air.

"I vote it belongs to both of us, in equal shares," Jennings suggested when they had retired to a safe distance from the headmaster's study.

"Yes, of course; but what happens when we both want to use it together?" Darbshire queried.

They gave some thought to the matter. Then Jennings said: "Well, how would it be if we said the bat was mostly mine, and the famous signatures were all yours. After all, I don't collect autographs; and the bat wouldn't be much use to you really, because everyone knows you play cricket like a left-handed lobster."

## Prize on show

Darbshire agreed readily. The autographs of 22 first-class players was a prize worth having.

"That's fixed then," said Jennings. "Let's go and try it out on the cricket field to see how it goes."

There had been rain that morning, and though a watery sun was now doing its best to dispel the scudding clouds, the grass was still wet underfoot when the boys arrived on the field. Here they found Mr. Wilkins supervising an informal cricket practice to occupy the half-hour before tea.

Venables, Atkinson, and Bromwich major were tossing a cricket ball to one another, but they abandoned their catching practice and came hurrying across at Jennings' invitation to hear the good news, and to inspect the new bat at close quarters.

"Wow! Isn't it super?" crowed Venables.

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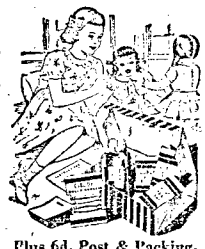
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## SPORTS SHORTS

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**MORE** countries than ever before will be taking part in the World Table Tennis Championships at Wembley from April 6—14. Chinese and Japanese teams are among the 38 teams competing in the Swaythling Cup for men, and a Japanese quartette will be competing for the Corbillion Cup, the women's trophy, for which 27 nations have entered.

**MISS JANET MORGAN**, the British women's squash rackets champion, and Miss Sheila Speight, the runner-up, are shortly going to Australia to compete in the championships there. Miss Speight, who comes from Cheltenham, and gave up lawn tennis to concentrate on squash, hopes to travel from Australia to America for next season's competitions in that country.

**ON** Saturday nearly 2000 oarsmen in 239 boats will compete in the 22nd annual Head of the River race between Putney and Mortlake. The event originated in 1926 with an entry of 22 clubs, but interest has since spread to all parts of the British Isles. Thames R.C., Jesus College (Cambridge), and London R.C., who finished in that order last year, head the procession, results being determined on a time basis.

**WATCH** for the name Don Bragg when the 1954 athletics season gets under way. This 19-year-old American pole-vaulter tied with Olympic champion Bob Richards for second place in the U.S. indoor championships in New York with a leap of 14 feet 6 inches.

**MOST** Rugby teams travel by coach or by train, and some even travel by air; but a Royal Navy Rugby team stationed at the Firth of Clyde recently travelled underwater to a match at Campbeltown, 50 miles away—by submarine!

**THE** aluminium springboard which took the place of the wooden board at the Helsinki Olympics, is now itself out-moded. Divers at the Empire Games in Vancouver will use a board of fibre glass\*and resin. Costing £90, it is non-slip and will take any weight.



The cricket-season is getting close and at indoor cricket schools players are putting in a great deal of practice. Here is John Langridge of Sussex with 11-year-old John Lea at the King Alfred Swimming Baths at Hove.

**AUSTRALIA** is sending three young swimmers to compete in the forthcoming European Games—14-year-old Jan Grier; 15-year-old Lorraine Crapp, and Gary Chapman, also 15. Gary is the holder of the 440 yards free-style national senior and junior records of 4 minutes 42.5 seconds. Among the South African swimming team, too, will be 14-year-old Maggie Petzer, who, it is predicted, may become one of the greatest woman swimmers in the world.

**WEMBLEY** will stage next Saturday's Soccer international between the amateurs of England and Scotland. International matches between English and Scottish amateur teams started in 1926, and of the games played Scotland has won nine and England seven, with only one match drawn.

## ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

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"Yes; and it's the very same identical one that Findlater scored his hundred with," said Jennings proudly.

"And what's more, it's got twenty-two first-class autographs of famous sporting characters," Darbishire pointed out. "I think they look a wizard sight better on the pink pages of my album."

"Go into the net, Jen, and I'll give you a bowl to try it out," Atkinson offered.

"Righto, Atki. I'll pretend I'm opening the innings for England with my famous bat, eh?"

In point of fact the bat was two sizes too large for Jennings to use in comfort, but the glory of ownership more than made up for that. He patted the crease carefully and took up his stance, as

Atkinson picked up the damp, slippery ball and commenced his run up to the wicket.

The ball was pitched short, and the batsman stepped forward and smote it over the bowler's head with all the force at his command.

"Wacko! Super beefy swipe, Jen," said Bromwich major.

Then the trouble started. As they stood following the flight of the ball a sudden agonised cry rang out, and Darbishire came charging into the net, his eyes flashing danger signals and his cheeks quivering with woe.

"Hey!... Hi!... Whoa!... Stop, Jennings! Don't use it again, whatever you do!"

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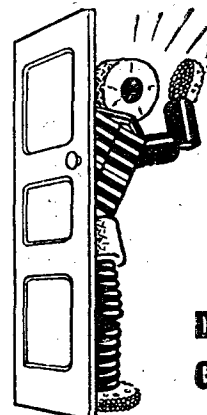
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## THE BRAN TUB

### SAMMY SIMPLE

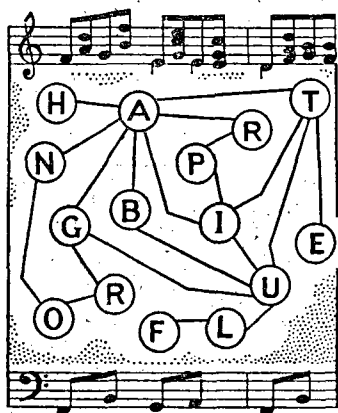
"Does your tooth still ache?"  
"I don't know," replied  
Sammy. "The dentist has got it."

### Shop with no door

A SHOP in Dundee has no door to its entrance. Cold draughts are kept out by a current of warm air blown through shafts in the entrance. During the summer cool air is passed through them.

### Musical poser

CAN you find the names of six musical instruments by starting at certain letters and following the lines? You must not move from one letter to another unless there is a connecting line between them.



## BEDTIME CORNER

### The wind brings a message

A LITTLE wind whispered in the grasses, his message causing them to flutter excitedly.

Then the wind moved laughing into the beech hedge, and the crisp brown foliage left on from last year rustled, and smiled.

On went the wind, lifting the tail of a magpie as it rose over the hedge, causing it to overbalance as it landed in the wet meadow.

Chutkling loudly, the wind spoke to the starlings on the television aerial. They clicked their castanets wonderingly, softly, and then flew off with a low whistle.

Then the wind chivvied the

### WHAT AM I?

IF the answers to the following clues are written down under each other, the initial and final letters, reading downwards, will spell the names of two games:

Very warm.  
Less than two.  
Container.  
Relation.  
Old Testament priest.  
Assent.

Answer next week

### Anti-climax

SAID the middle-aged boaster: "When I was young like you I once ran five miles and then leapt over a five-foot hedge."

"Well, look at the run-up you took."

### Hawthorn—the weed

HAWTHORN, such a welcome sight in Britain's hedgerows, is considered a noxious weed in New Zealand! It was introduced there by early settlers who later allowed the growth to get out of hand.

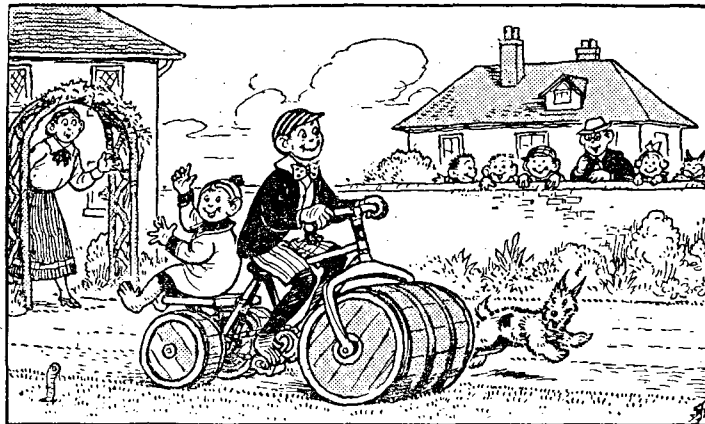
### Two threes

EACH group starts with clues for two three-letter words. These, joined together, make a six-letter word to answer the third clue.

Equality + university professor = forgiveness.  
Rail + rank = handcart.  
Placed + free from = rotten.  
Away from + terminus = annoy.  
Donkey + be ill = attack.

Answer next week

## JACKO JUST KEEPS ROLLING ALONG



"Why do they always pick on me?" moaned Jacko, after Father had told him to roll the lawn. "If he wanted the lawn watered that would be a different matter." But he was not one to do things the hard way if he could think of an easy way. And he could! A rummage through the garden shed and the attic produced an old three-wheel bicycle frame, a broken water butt and a small wooden barrel. From this odd collection Jacko produced what he proudly called his "cycle roller." "Now this is the way to roll the lawn," he said. Baby, certainly, could not have agreed more.

### Easy to get in

"QUICKLY, now. Or you'll be late for school."

"No need to worry, Mum. The gates are left open all day."

### SPOT THE . . .

BROWN HARE, as he races over field or meadow at amazing speed. Hares can be distinguished from rabbits by their greater size and big, black-tipped ears. Their hind legs, too, are proportionately longer.

A peculiarity is the setting of a hare's eyes, which are arranged so that it can see anything at the side, or even in the rear.



The saying "Mad as a March Hare" is well founded. During March, and also in February, the Jack, as a male is called, performs some astonishing antics, leaping, somersaulting, and boxing with other hares in an effort to win the admiration of a Jill, or doe.

### JUMBLE QUIZ

To find the answer to each clue, rearrange the letters in the anagrams. Each solution begins with the letter V.

1. A fourth-century Latin translation by St. Jerome of the Holy Bible; its name means commonly used. (GLUE VAT)

2. Novelist who made his name with scientific romances, for which he "invented" many years before they became practicable, such wonders as submarines and flying-machines. (NEVER)

3. Eighteenth-century French writer who was already well known at the age of 18; though famous in his lifetime as a writer of poetic drama, he is remembered now for his criticism of accepted institutions. (TO A LIVER)

4. Italian city; stronghold in Roman times; is the scene of Romeo and Juliet. (OR VANE)

Answer next week

### IN A POND

MY first is in toad but not in frog.  
My second's in marsh but not in bog;  
My third is in head but not in legs;  
My fourth's in spawn but not in eggs;  
My fifth is in croak but not in sing.  
My sixth's in April but not in Spring;  
My seventh's in water but not in pool,  
I hope you won't catch me and take me to school.

Answer next week

### Lady Day

STRICTLY speaking, all the festivals of the Virgin Mary are Lady Days.

The one falling on March 25, however, commemorating the message of the Angel to the Virgin Mary, was in olden times called St. Mary's Day in Lent to distinguish it from other festivals in her honour.

Lady Day has a special significance in commercial life, for it is the first quarter day for rents and other payments.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Jumble Quiz. Telford, Tipperary, Taunton, Thames  
Crocer's puzzle. Salt, matches, flour, split peas, butter, sage  
Pyramid puzzle

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AM  
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CAMEL  
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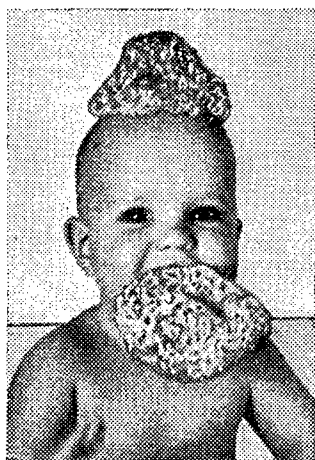
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## HAVING A BATH IS GRAND FUN

WHAT fun there was in the bath the other night when young Richard was being washed. His father had planned to take some photographs, and all the splashings around to get in the right position turned out to be a fine game for a youngster of 15 months.

Richard, of course, had his own ideas of what he should look like in a picture. When a nice wet sponge was put on his head, instead of trying to knock it off as expected, he reached for another one and suddenly popped it in his mouth.

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